

was chief of the Potomac Indians, and it was at this time she was enticed her on board a boat and she was taken away by captain Agall and so she met and married John Rolfe.

The first man to carry a compass in the Greenbrier valley was John Lewis, and the first settler in Little Levels was Col. John McNeel who came to this country thinking he had killed a man in the Maryland-Virginia section but after locating in Little Levels and erecting a cabin and out hunting he came upon Charles and James Kinnison from where the fight took place and informed him the man had not died and in fact not seriously wounded, this was great relief for him and he began to open up the vast wilderness that later became the garden spot of Pocahontas County, these men and their wives were buried in the McNeel cemetery just north of Hillsboro.

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Huntersville the county seat for many years was laid out in 1821 and shortly boasted of two general mercantile stores, the county buildings, a hotel a postoffice and one news paper the Pocahontas Times all of which were moved to Marlinton which became the county seat in later years.

The first settlers in Edray District was Marlin and Sewell who erected a cabin near the present site of Greenbrier Bridge in 1749 this location grew until today we find a town of near 1,600 population.

In the early days grain was threshed both by the flail and by the riding of one horse and the leading of one or more that were freshly shod

and in this way the grain was separated from the straw this was known as
"tramping out!" all the grain was threshed in this manner until 1839 when
a machine was introduced in this county by William Gibson of Huntersville,
W.Va. This machine was known as the "chaff piler" this machine was operated
by Jesse Whitmer and John Galford late of Millpoint, the Greenbrier Bridge
was built in 1854-56 by Lemuel Chenoweth of Beverley this bridge has meant
much to the development of Pocahontas County and to the growth of Marlinton
as it is the largest shipping point in Pocahontas County serving a larger
area.

Pocahontas County has had many famous sons in the formation and
growth of the county as N.C McNeill a native son who took to the law profes-
ession in his early years, was one of Pocahontas County's distinguished cr-
iminal lawyer and later represented this district in the State Senate, other
attorneys were Andrew Price, L.M McClintic, F.R Hill who in his later years
served in the legislature, A.P Edgar lawyer and Prosecuting Attorney for a
number of years, in later years Pocahontas has put out new lawyers in J.E Bu-
ckley and A.E Cooper who are practicing at this time. Pocahontas County has
twin brothers that they should be proud and justly so, in the Sharp brothers,
Summers and George Summers served for 20 years on the bench as Circuit Judge
serving the counties of Greenbrier, Monroe and Pocahontas and in 1936 ran

AN UNSUCCESSFUL race for governor of the state, while his brother served a term as clerk of the court and later served as Secretary of state.

No man ever lived in Pocahontas County that was more universally loved than the late Squire L Brown who served as clerk of the county court continuously from 1884 until the time of his death 1934 with the exception of a term served by the late C.J McCarty.

Durbin the largest town in the upper Pocahontas was chartered in 1906 is the shipping and mercantile center for the northern end of the county largely built up by the tannery at Frank, Cass a lumbering town below Durbin was brought about by the lumbering industry of Pocahontas County. Greenbank a rural town in an agricultural section was the homes of many of the pioneers of Pocahontas that migrated across the Allegheny's to erect tanneries, grist-mills and the like, as this section is famous for its fine quality buckwheat that was one of the principal crops of our sturdy pioneers.

Pocahontas county produced another favorite son that had much to do with the advancement and progress of the county, This man is George W McClintic who has served as Federal Judge of the southern district of W.Va. for a number of years, besides this he is owner of vast farm and grazing lands at Buckeye and on Williams River that produces mules, cattle and lambs in large numbers TRIKKIKYE.

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Peter Lightner was the builder of the first grist mill, this mill was erected on Knapps Creek, this was quite an improvement on the way they had to make meal before that time as up to that time they used the hominy block and the hollowed out log in which they pounded the corn until it was fine enough to bake into bread.

In the early days a man by the name of John Harness began hauling goods from Staunton to Pocahontas County to trade to the settlers for their pelts, venison, ginseng etc. for which they received salt, coffee, powder, lead, and he always carried a piece of calico this trading post was at Huntersville at the cabin of John Bradshaw, from this fact the place became known as Huntersville, a name which it has ever since retained. It was no uncommon thing for the merchants to make from three to four hundred percent on dry goods and near that amount on groceries but shortly the Warm Springs-Huntersville road was built then stores of size and importance came into existence namely Amos Barlow, J.O. Loury & Son, and Loury & Doyle. Here for many years a thriving business was carried on in the harness and saddlery business, first by John Haines then by William Fertig and lastly by William Grose & Son. Before the children of Israel brought ready made clothing to our county tailoring was a good business at Huntersville. Messers Campbell and John & James Holden turned out a great deal of work. Weddings always gave the saddlers a goodly share of